

in the 10th (current) Plan was for 444 Locomotives. There has, however, been a sharp increase in traffic and the likely acquisition to meet traffic demand shall be 619 Diesel Locomotives.

(b) 469 Diesel Locomotives have been manufactured till 31.3.2006. 150 diesel Locomotives are planned to be manufactured during the year 2006-07.

Procedure of filling the vacancies

390. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the procedures of filling vacancies in Indian Railways; and

(b) the details of job advertisements given, number of vacancies filled and number of vacancies vacant for the last five years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Vacancies in the Railway Establishments are filled up by direct recruitment from open market through Railway Recruitment Boards in Group 'C' and by Zonal Recruitment Cells in Group 'D' categories. General Managers have been empowered to fill up vacancies as per their requirement keeping in view guidelines of Government of India as regards rightsizing of manpower.

(b) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Extension of train

†391. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to extend the train running between Nagpur to Jabalpur to Allahabad is being considered by the Railways;

(b) if so, by when the said train would be extended to Allahabad; and

(c) the reasons for delay, so far, in extending the said train upto Allahabad?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.